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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nieminen (6,526,296).

Regarding claim 2, Nieminen discloses a folding portable communication unit 1 which is composed of first and second cabinets 2, 3 and a hinge 4 for so supporting the first and second cabinets 2, 3 that they are rotational around the hinge 4 (See figs. 1-2) comprising: first display/data-input means 5a, 5b which displays a first information related to communication, inputs a first data related to the communication, and is

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situated on an obverse surface of the first and second cabinets 2, 3; second display/data-input means 6a, 6b which displays a second information related to communication, inputs a second data related to the communication, and is situated on a rear cover of the first and second cabinets 2, 3, wherein the second information can be watched and the second data can be inputted by a user in case that the first and second cabinets 2, 3 are folded (See figs. 1-2 and col. 4 lines 4-25, col. 8 line 63 to col. 9 line 27).

Claim 1 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claim 2.

Regarding claims 3-5, Nieminen discloses as cited in claim 2. Nieminen further discloses the first and second cabinets 2, 3 include controlling functions, and are provided with control means which decides whether input information is to be displayed on the first display/data-input means 5a, 5b or the second display/data-input means 6a, 6b depending on a kind of the input information (See figs. 1-3 and col. 5 line 38 to col. 6 line 67), wherein the control means is further provided with means for detecting whether the first and second cabinets 2, 3 are folded or not and decides whether the input information is to be displayed on the first display/data-input means 5a, 5b or the second display/data-input means 6a, 6b depending on a result of detection performed by the detecting means (See figs. 2-3 and col. 7 line 1 to col. 8 line 15, col. 8 line 16 to col. 9 line 27).

Regarding claim 6, Nieminen discloses as cited in claim 3. Nieminen further discloses the input information is displayed on the first display/data-input means in case that the input information is pictorial information (See figs. 1-2 and col. 8 lines 45-62).

Regarding claim 7, Nieminen discloses as cited in claim 3. Nieminen further discloses the control means further comprises means for displaying the input information on the second display/data-input means in accordance with instruction of the user (See figs. 1-2 and col. 8 line 63 to col. 9 line 27).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Soini et al. (6,445,932) discloses multiservice mobile station.
- Claxton et al. (6,434,404) discloses detection of flip closure state of a flip phone.
- Tyneski et al. (5,584,054) discloses communication device having a movable front cover for exposing a touch sensitive display.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tuan Tran** whose telephone number is **(703) 605-4255**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Vivian Chin**, can be reached at **(703) 308-6739**.

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